

August

Controlled Airspace and You! Flying into major metropolitan areas like Los Angeles and San Diego

Review your airspace knowledge. Analyze how to enter the busy airspace of Los Angeles while enroute to San Diego. Discover the new VFR Waypoints program for LA. Meet your local Air Traffic Controller

September

Global Positioning Systems Update & GPS use in the Mountains.

Do you have a G.P.S. in your aircraft and plan to use it for mountain airports? Then attend this seminar to discover the potential 'pitfalls' you may encounter. Discover and review basic G.P.S. terminology.

October

Flight Planning Basics VFR & IFR : Performing Calculations

When was the last time you *really* planned that long cross-country? Review the basic techniques in organizing your navigation log whether you fly VFR or IFR. Bring along your E-6B or calculator, you will be doing some math.

Fourth specialized Seminar Oct. 21; (Tues) @ BFL: Professional Pilots Safety Briefing.

You tell us! What does the corporate community place major emphasis upon today? Send e-mail comments to james.a.henry@faa.gov

November

Airworthiness Directives (AD's) Compliance and the Pilot.

AD's is a subject that many pilots' misunderstand or misinterpret. Attend this seminar and get the real 'low-down' on this important subject that keeps your aircraft airworthy and the FAA happy.

Venue Locations

BFL	MER	FCH
Kern County Sheriff's Complex, "Training Bld" 1350 Norris Rd, Bakersfield, CA	Bld 411 Castle Airport Atwater, CA.	Chandler Admin. Bld, Chandler Airport, Fresno, CA.

SEMINARS ARE FREE

All seminars begin at 7:00 p.m. ending at 9:00 p.m. All venues are Fly-In/Drive-In. No reservations required. Your attendance at this seminar fulfills one of the requirements of the pilot proficiency award program (Wings Program). Completion of the requirements of the Wings Program, as outlined in AC 61-91H, will qualify you to receive a Wings lapel pin, ("Wings pins supplied by AVEMCO Insurance Company"), and a wall certificate. Registration details available at the seminar. For updates, contact the Fresno FSDO or INTERNET www.awp.faa.gov/new/flightstandards or E-mail: JAMES.A.HENRY@FAA.GOV

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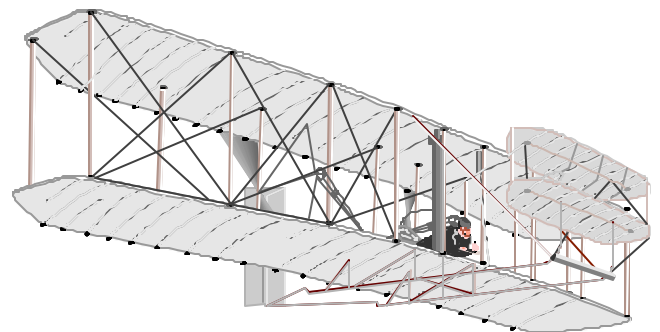
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Aviation Safety Program

Pilot's Aviation Safety- Educational Seminars 2003

"DISTINCTIVE ISSUES IN AVIATION SAFETY "



First flight, Dec. 17, 1903.
Distance, 120 feet. Time, 12 seconds. Orville Wright at controls.
Kitty Hawk, North Carolina



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The Fresno District continues its pursuit of providing you, the aviation public, the finest and most interesting Aviation Safety Program in the Western Pacific Region. The Pilot Proficiency Awards (*Wings*) Program in our District continues to be a great success thanks to your on-going participation and interest.

Our scheduling procedures again follow the same structure, with which most folks are already familiar.

1st THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--ANNOUNCED AIRPORTS
2nd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--BAKERSFIELD MEADOWS (BFL)
3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--MERCED/CASTLE Airport
4th THURSDAY OF THE MONTH--FRESNO-CHANDLER Airport

Using the latest high-tech equipment to create up-to-the-minute programs addressing "current" issues that are in the forefront of the aviation

community, we hope to maintain your interest and participation. Actual program content and speakers for each month in 2003 will be firmed up and formally announced in our monthly newsletter, and via the Internet (Be sure to check out our Web site at <http://www.awp.faa.gov/new/flightstandards>). We may also be contacted via e-mail at james.a.henry@faa.gov. Each month's "theme (or Topic)" will be as follows:

February

The Fresno FSDO's "State of the District Presentation"

A review of the accidents, incidents, pilot deviations and events in calendar year 2002. We will also be discussing our upcoming seminars, activities, and speakers.

Specialized Seminar: Feb 25th (Tuesday) @ BFL:

Agricultural Pilots Safety Briefing

Are you ready for Spring? You've been idle during the winter, so what are some good pre-flight procedures for yourself and your Ag aircraft? This is a CECPM approved seminar. Guest Speaker to be announced.

March

Maintenance Records:

Information all pilots should know.

Is the aircraft you are flying airworthy? Whether you own, lease or rent your airplane, you as Pilot-In-Command need to know this information for your own peace of mind.

Specialized Seminar March 4th @ FCH (Tues)

Professional Pilots Safety Series:

(CFI's, Air Carrier, Air Taxi, Corporate)(With Michael Bakken ATP, ASC, MD-11, World Airways)

IFR Procedure: Circling at Minimums

Probably the most difficult and precarious IFR procedure for the corporate pilot. Whether you are driving a King Air or a Hawker, attend this seminar, re-discover, and review the 'pitfalls' of circling at minimums.

April

Avoidance of Runway Incursions

Although most of us who fly to valley airports do not land or operate at highly congested airports, it is still possible to be involved in a runway incursion. Increased airport congestion requires all personnel pay closer attention to factors such as clearances, communication, ground navigation and awareness.

April 19th & 20th "Wings Weekend"

The Central Valley Aviation Association and the Fresno FSDO will again be co-sponsoring the Fresno Districts third annual "Wings-Weekend". Aviation Safety is the theme and Pilot

Proficiency is the program. There will be two safety seminars each day and ample volunteer CFI instructors to complete your 3 hours of proficiency flight training. Additionally, CAMI will be here again with their Spatial Disorientation simulator. Do not miss this one!

May

Mountain Flying

The San Joaquin Valley is nice and flat, but whenever you desire to go east, the ground rises rapidly. Attend this seminar for our annual review of flying in mountainous areas.

Specialized Seminar May 1st @ FCH

Helicopter Pilots/Operators Safety Brief

Open forum, town hall meeting format for all rotorcraft operators, airmen and support personnel. Share your safety knowledge with other operators, learn new LZ safety techniques. Chief Pilot guest speaker from one of the valley's highly regarded Helicopter operators.

June

General Aviation Security; also Hazardous Materials.

Our nation continues to be 'on alert' and General Aviation has to pull its weight. We will be reviewing the history of GA and airline security and how we can all improve our contribution. In addition, we will be discussing hazardous materials within GA operations, e.g. what are the risks involved with that case of oil in your baggage compartment?

Specialized Seminar: June 3rd (Tuesday) @ FCH:

Agricultural Pilots Safety Briefing

This CECPM approved seminar will review FAR 137 and its requirements. We will also be discussing the Ag accident statistics of the last 2 years. Guest Speaker to be announced.

July

Summer Weather Review.

Every pilot needs to know something about the behavior of weather and how various weather conditions affect flying. Attend this seminar to re-discover these basic meteorological principles important to aviation.